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3. The Placing Agency shall submit to the Department a Resource Home Inquiry Data Form for each applicant prior to the family attending any training. The purpose form is to screen prospective Resource Parents for current and or past involvement with MDHS and any other affiliations, such as other Placing Agencies

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